

said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them. And it seems so sad to me, Madam Speaker, that this Sunset Memorial may be the only acknowledgement or remembrance these children who died today will ever have in this Chamber.

So as a small gesture, I would ask those in the Chamber who are inclined to join me for a moment of silent memorial to these lost little Americans.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,937 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is June 25, 2008—12,937 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
JEFFERY A. SPENCER FOR HIS 14
YEARS SERVING AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO VALLEY
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COM-
MISSION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jeffery A. Spencer has served as Executive Director of Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission for over 14 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Spencer has tirelessly assisted scores of communities in acquiring over \$50 million in critically needed development projects; and

Whereas, he continues to support many regional initiatives that bring more development funds and assistance to Southern Ohio; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Jeffery A. Spencer for his contributions to his community and country.

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF
MANITO, ILLINOIS ON THE OCCA-
SION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Manito, Illinois on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

The Village of Manito, located in Mason County, Illinois, was first inhabited by William Herron and his sister in 1838. In 1858, with the news that the Illinois River Railroad was to develop through their land, James Cox, his son Robert Cox, and William Langston divided 110 acres of their land into streets, lots and alleys, establishing a new village, named Manito.

Manito is located in the heart of Illinois in an area known for its hardworking people, outstanding farmers and respected traditions. Manito always has been, and primarily remains, an agricultural community. The diverse soil in the area promotes the growth of a broad range of crops and farming methods. This area has been shown to effectively produce corn, soybeans, vegetables and other harvest. The citizens of Manito continue to add to the world agricultural community by being stewards of their land and setting the precedent for how a farming community should operate.

Today, Manito is a progressive village with a population of over 1700, and while Manito remains proud of its past, it looks willingly toward the future. The original "Main Street" continues to serve as the commercial center of Manito; however, the surrounding marketing areas continue to thrive and develop.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the Village of Manito in the United States House of Representatives and I extend my best wishes to the village and its citizens for another 150 years of prosperity.